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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 150691; (B) LAGOS 5989 (NOTAL);
(C) KHARTOUM 1692

1. HIGH-LEVEL NIGERIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY UKPABI ASIKA LEFT AUGUST 1 FOR KHARTOUM, ADDIS AND MOGADISCIO. DELEGATION VISITING THESE THREE CAPITALS AT DIRECTION OF GOWON IN HIS CAPACITY AS OAU CHAIRMAN. DELEGATION WILL BE DELIVERING SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM HIM TO NIMEIRI, HIM AND SIAD BARRE. ASIKA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIALS FROM MEA.

2. COMMENT: CONTENTS OF NOTES NOT DISCLOSED BUT THEY PRESUMABLY DEAL WITH ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE. GOWON IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION AND IN SENDING DELEGATION AT THIS TIME, EVIDENTLY WISHES TO AVERT POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION ALONG ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI BORDER WHILE HE IS IN OTTAWA. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN, GOWON WILL BE SEEING NIMEIRI LATER

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THIS MONTH IN LAGOS (REFTELS B AND C) AND IT LIKELY HE WILL

SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI CONFLICT.
POSSIBILITY ALSO REMAINS (LAGOS REFTEL) OF GOWON GOING TO
KHARTOUM FOR OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE MEETING DEALING
WITH DISPUTE BUT NO INDICATION HERE ANY SUCH MEETING YET
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